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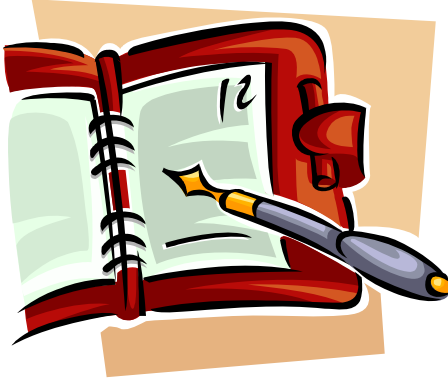
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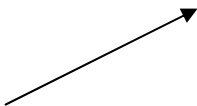
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LWV CALENDAR -OCTOBER 2008



Monday 6
Last day to register to vote in November General Election

		Tuesday 7	Sheriff's Candidate's Forum	6:30
pm	Preston Hollow			
				Elementary School 6423 Walnut Hill
Tuesday 14	Irving LWV Board Meeting	11:30 am	IHOP	
Wednesday 15	City Council Work Session	12 noon	City Hall	
15	View the Presidential Debates and discuss issue	8:00 pm	Irving Central	
Thursday 16	City Council Meeting	7 pm	City Hall	
16	Texas Conference for Women at the George Brown Convention Center	7:30pm	Houston	
Monday 20	Early Voting Starts for November General Election			
Tuesday 21	LWV Forum			
	Irving Ballot	6:30 pm	City Hall	
	Issues For or against the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only.			
Monday 27	League speaks to Delta Kappa Gamma	4:30 pm	Senter Park E	
Tuesday 28	Last day to apply for ballot by mail			
Friday 31	Early Voting Ends			



Meetings in Review

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Monday, September 22

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR CONFIDENT IN VOTING SYSTEMS

VOTERS URGED GO TO POLLS BEGINNING OCT 20

By Jan Killen, Publicity Chair

Bruce Sherbet, Dallas County Elections Administrator, spoke to the League of Women Voters of Irving meeting on Monday, September 22, 2008, sharing news about the mechanics of managing the voting process for the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 4, from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. His excitement about the expected record turnout was balanced with concerns for displaced evacuees from Hurricane Ike that have lost their records and are having to deal with basic daily needs.



Sherbet was enthusiastic about our voting systems, saying the machines are the best ever and have been protected and are continually checked. Through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), supported by the League, his office received \$38 million to purchase laptop computers for every polling place in Dallas County. On Election Day, the Election Judge can immediately verify whether a voter is registered to vote in Dallas County and can direct that voter to the proper polling place.

Additionally, phone lines and enhancements have been added at the elections office for use before and on Election Day. More information on voting by mail, displaced voters, polling place, or early voting is available at (214) 819-6300, (214) 637-7939 or www.dalcoelections.org. Voters throughout the country can also see www.vote411.org provided by the League of Women Voters of the US to determine their ballot and voting location. Voter registration cards must be post marked by Monday, October 6.

Election Judges and clerks are established through a process of the Texas Legislature, assigning a judge position for each polling location to the party winning the last general election in that county. The other party has the alternate judge position. Mr. Sherbet emphasized that his office has no management responsibilities regarding this process, but they do provide training for the judges and clerks. Information is at www.dalcoelections.org available after poll workers call the office for a log-in. With a record turnout expected, judges will be hiring as many clerks they believe will be necessary. To add your name to the list of potential clerks, call the Dallas County Elections Office at 214-819-6300 or the Democratic or Republican Party offices.

There are 1.2 million registered voters in Dallas County, with about 32% expected to go to the polls. Early Voting (EV) begins October 20th at 26 locations throughout Dallas County, (different from Election Day locations). Voters can use any of the EV locations during the 12-day period and are urged to vote early to ease waiting especially on the last day. Almost half of the votes are cast during EV. Vote by mail ballots must be received by October 28. Calls may be left for the LWV of Irving at 972-785-8683.

Members attending this meeting were **Sharyn Holley, Carol Bell, Genie Mitchell, Jan Killen, Tom Burhoe, Mona Wyatt, Carole Shlipak, Judy and Phil Smith, Tom Madrzykowski, and Carol Little**

Friday, September 26, 2008

Presidential Debates

The League and the Irving Library co-sponsored the viewing of the first presidential debate at the central library. We had a record number of League members who had signed up to register voters, man registration tables and provide refreshments. Kudos to our president **Carol Little** who coordinated this event with the library, **Eileen Kensinger, Judith Rearden, Sharyn Holley, Carole Larkin, Lily White, Judy and Phil Smith, Ginny Yates, Julie Esstman and League friend Linda Patterson.** There was an estimated **50** people in attendance, 2 people were registered, others took home registration cards and two people expressed interest in joining the League. Dr. Bach led a good discussion after the debate and people spoke from the heart.

Saturday, September 21, 2008

Heritage Park Celebration and exhibits

League members **Genevieve Ramos, Jan Killen, Genie Mitchell and Carol Little** sponsored a table, exhibited League and voting information, registered 25 voters and sent cards home to mail with others.

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Vice Presidential Debates – Co-sponsored with the Irving Library. League volunteers **Gibson, Ramos, Kensinger, Fernandez-Mott, Larkin and Yates** assisted with voter registration and refreshments.



WATCH FOR YOUR VOTERS GUIDE

In
The Dallas Observer
The Rambler
The Journal

Dates will vary. Voters guides will also be at the Irving Libraries and City Hall

It will also be online: lwdallas.org around October 10.

VOTE!

Print and share with your friends

FOR MAJOR ELECTION QUESTIONS

Dallas County Elections Department - 972-785-8683 or e-mail www.dalcoelections.org
For sample ballot and Election Day precinct locations and other information

FOR VOTER INFORMATION, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PROGRAMS OR OTHER INFORMATION

Contact the IRVING League of Women Voters
Voice Mail 972-785-8683 or e-mail
Philudy@tx.rr.com

LWV of Texas www.lwvtexas.org

LWVUS (League of Women Voters of US) www.VOTE411.ORG

Project Vote Smart with its Voters Self Defense System
www.vote-smart.org

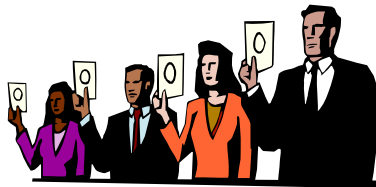
CITY AND STATE RELATED MATTERS

City of Irving - 972-721-2600 or www.cityofirving.org

Irving Central Library – (972) 721-2606 www.irvinglibrary.org

State of Texas – www.capitol.state.tx.us

Secretary of State (Texas) - www.sos.state.tx.us



EARLY VOTING IN IRVING

(Any one may vote at any early election site in Dallas County)

Early voting hours

- Oct. 20-24, 8 am to 5 pm
 - Oct. 25, 7 am to 7 pm
- Oct 26, 1pm to 5 pm
- Oct. 27-31, 7 am to 7 pm

Early Voting Locations

Irving City Hall – 825 W.
Irving Blvd.
Valley Ranch Library
401 Cimarron Trail

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 4, 2008

(Vote at precinct location – not at early voting sites)

Polls will open from 7am - 7pm